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PRESIDENT: Thank you, the chair concurs in your position, Senator Syas. I agree. Senator Carpenter, did you wish to be heard?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to make a motion that until we get the Governor's message if he sent something we go to Select File and have Senator Cavanaugh pass those bill from Select File to E & R for engrossing while we're waiting.

PRESIDENT: Well, I appreciate that but I really can't do it because I have a motion before us and we either have to withdraw it or set it aside or do something here. At least that would be the chair's position, Senator Carpenter, unless somebody cares to overrule me and I realize that you're interested in productivity and so am I, believe me.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me say a few words and then I'll be through. Does anybody in this body now give this body any assurance they will not make a motion in order to unbracket and pass A-bills? First we'll start with \$1,000 one. We'll break a little ice and we'll get a finger in the tub. Then we'll go to \$5,000 and \$10,000. Then we get up to 235 for \$3½ million. Can anybody assure this body someone here won't attempt to change this procedure in order to undo everything we have done so far?

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: A question for Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter, we have a couple of things that we need to talk about. One--well, first of all let me state, I am not about to make the motion that you're referring to but we do have to discuss what we're going to do about two issues. One is LB 542 which is the claims bill. These are legitimate claims against the State of Nebraska. They total in the neighborhood of about a half million dollars, \$562,000 if I remember right, two of these are bills or about \$450,000 worth of that are bills that have been submitted to the State of Nebraska for the printing of the Constitutional Amendments that were put on the ballot last November. It's a legitimate bona vide bill that the State of Nebraska should pay. Now it's an appropriation bill. Are we going to pay our bills or are we going to make those people wait another year? The other thing that we should discuss is the fact that we adopted LB 259 and passed it over the board there without the Governor's own recommendations for amendment to that bill and we need to decide whether or not we're going to give him his bill in its original pure state or are we going to give him his original bill with the recommended amendment that he himself brought to the budget committee for adoption and requested adoption and I haven't heard the message yet from the Governor but I've got a sneaking suspicion there's going to be reference to it in there. But we do have those two problems that we should know what we're going to do about before we try to make any final conclusive decisions.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Are you giving us a few more hints now?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, we do have the letter from the Governor if you'd like to hear it now. Are you through?

CLERK: Letter from the Governor's office...

PRESIDENT: Wait just a minute, Senator Proud, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: According to the rules, the speaker decides the order of business and the subject to being overruled by the Legislature. So the speaker, may God have mercy on his